



CITY OF SELMA REDISTRICTING PLAN

Public Forum

to Discuss the Proposed Realignment of Ward Boundaries

DATE: **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012**

TIME: **5:00 p.m.**

PLACE: **Carl Morgan Convention Center**
(Located at 211 Washington Street, Selma)

Members of the Selma City Council will be present to hear all persons that want to speak about the proposed redistricting and more specifically Redistricting Plan 5 per City Council Resolution No. R152-11/12

For more information contact the Selma City Council at (334) 874-1234

REDISTRICTING is the process of redrawing lines of districts from which public officials are elected. Redistricting typically takes place after each census and affects all jurisdictions that use districts whether for members of Congress, state legislatures, county commissions City Councils, School boards, etc.

MUNICIPAL REDISTRICTING The **one-man-one-vote rule** requires near equal population in each ward if a municipality elects its councilmembers by wards. If the population of a municipality has substantially increased as a result of annexations made during the last four years or for other reasons, there may be a need for alteration of ward lines in municipalities which elect councilmembers from wards.

The deadline for ward line changes and the division of wards into voting districts is **three months prior to the general election (May 28, 2012)**. Ala. Code §11-46-23 (1975); Ala. Code § 11-40-8 (1975).

Any changes in ward lines must be submitted to the U. S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) for approval pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as last amended. If a municipality is subject to federal court jurisdiction regarding their district lines, the court, rather than the USDOJ, may have to approve any alteration to these lines. The City of Selma's district lines are not mandated by court order.